

SEPT 7, 2011

State of California  
Dept of Alcohol and Drug Programs  
1700 K St. 3rd Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: PROPOSED REALIGNMENT

It would be a travesty to eliminate the Department of Alcohol and Drug Program (DAPD) after years of developing a department that truly understands the need for appropriate prevention and treatment for those affected by the devastating effects of alcohol and drug abuse and or addiction. This change would not be wise.

It is paramount that DADP remain in tack assuring the knowledge, expertise and administration of all this departments current responsibilities could continue its important work. It is difficult to ascertain the negative impact that may occur from such a move. The progress we have made in AOD would suffer and the people we serve would be the primary recipients of that suffering.

My suggestion is to keep DAPD in place. In addition, if it is decided to make this unfortunate change, I implore you to keep the DAPD staff together as a team. However, if you make this realignment, I would suggest the team shifts The California Department of Public Health.

Sincerely,

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